

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Combined Worship Service • August 2, 2020

ELW Setting 1 • Facebook

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



In today's first reading, God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the Eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Thank you for joining us online as a new way of connecting to God's word as we transition during this time of social distancing to protect ourselves and others.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Tina if you need help in any way during this time. Her phone number is listed below. Just know that she is only a phone call away.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are sometimes flexible with monthly meetings,
but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

William C. Solomon, Interim Organist

Bill Tew, Interim Choir Director

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Prelude

Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ge-d, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,

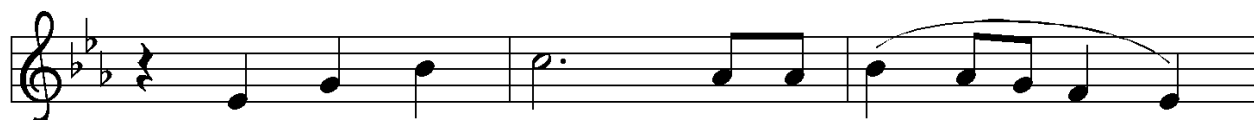


con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie



Glo-ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
 Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (read responsively)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
**Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**
You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred

according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Chat

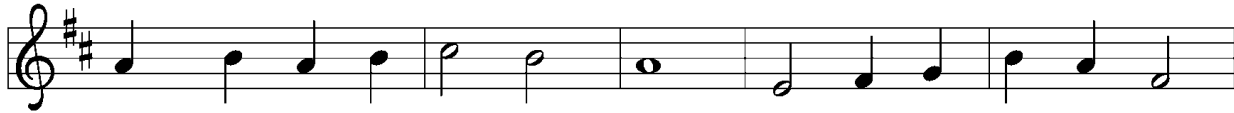
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Sermon

Pastor Tina



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open, But Hard Conversations: Many of us feel the struggles that our siblings of color have gone through over the past 200 years and still continue to go through in the 21st century. We have acknowledged and prayed for them periodically, but then we go about life as if these issues were fixed. However, we know that our siblings continue to hurt and we need to have some deep conversations about race, diversity and life in the 21st century church. Even though it makes us uncomfortable, we must not ignore the call of Christ to care for our neighbors. At the beginning of August we are going to begin a discussion group (over Zoom for now) about the book *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan. If you are interested, **please email Pastor Tina so we can get an idea of how many people we will have** and we can make some decisions about how we want to proceed as a group. Our first session will be Thursday, August 6, 6:30 p.m., to discuss the introduction and first two chapters. Copies of *Dear Church* can be found at Barnes and Noble for \$14.99 or Amazon for \$12.89/used for \$12.38.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m.** A Zoom invitation will be emailed. If you would like to join this group, please let Pastor Tina or Anne know (245-7861)

Walking Worship Wednesdays (WWW): We plan to be walking on **Wednesday, August 5**, weather permitting. If you plan to join us on Wednesday, please meet us in the Mariner's Museum parking lot at around 5:45 to start walking at 6:00 p.m. All welcome.

VA Aquarium Adventure Course: We have not forgotten about our outdoor high adventure ropes course trip at the VA Beach Aquarium that we had scheduled when the pandemic hit. The ropes course has reopened, but we are going to wait until the fall to tackle this event. We will post a new date once we have one.

Youth Yard /Rummage Sale Thank You's: What a year for a rummage sale! Even in the midst of a global pandemic, the Trinity family has come through for our youth to help them raise money for National Youth Gathering. Many heartfelt thanks to each and every person who helped in any way, great or small. Each of you is crucial to the continued success of this sale. Trinity youth are so loved, and are very grateful for the support and care they receive year-round from our loving congregation family.

The youth and advisors have so many people to thank! We would like to express our many deep thanks to:

Every member of Trinity church or school who donated items, spread the word about the sale, shopped at the sale, prayed for us, or offered assistance in any capacity. We thank you with full and grateful hearts because this sale absolutely cannot happen without you! Cont.

Our fantastic custodians, Earl Dunn, Danny Alston, and James Hendricks for laying out (and picking up) the gym mats, transporting the tables up and down (and buying a few new ones!), and to Earl for help on Sunday making sure the AC in the gym was working so we didn't overheat on that very hot first workday.

Anne Obara for assistance with announcements, researching items, and helping promote the sale.

Cliff Obara for placing announcements online, researching items, donating computers, and helping on sale days with the early bird crowd.

Vivian Barnes for donating masks (which are not only functional but super cute!)

Laura Davis for advertising the sale in several places

Brad Goodman, Steve Quist, Carol Bessom, and others for donations of cleaning and disinfecting products

Bobbie McWithey for donations of plants

Grant and Donna Owens for providing lunch and snacks

Patricia McClelland for providing snacks and change

Mrs. Crone from Trinity Lutheran School for promoting the sale on the school's Facebook page

Carol Bessom for handling the money and helping with the Square reader

Greg Vicik for procuring a Square reader so we can accept credit card transactions

Michelle Carpenter for promoting the sale on Facebook and on her neighborhood page

Shawn and Debbie Murphy, Anneliese Anderson, Karoline Ardis, Nancy Lindfors, Todd and Natalie Recupero, Fred Ardis, Michelle Carpenter, and Ellen Molina for help during the week with setting up the sale

Shu Mynoymany, Nancy Lindfors, Todd and Natalie Recupero, Shawn Murphy, Anneliese Anderson, Karoline Ardis, Ellen Molina, Michelle Carpenter, and Cliff Obara for help on our sale days

Carol Bessom for bringing us our initial change and managing the funds

Michelle Carpenter, Ellen Molina, Shawn Murphy, Wendy and Matthew Mynoymany, Karoline Ardis, Anneliese Anderson, Steve and Melissa Quist, and Anna Percell for help with cleanup on Sunday

We thank each and every person who helped in any way to make this sale another success. If we have inadvertently left anyone off this list, please accept our heartfelt apologies. We do our best to make sure every person is thanked, because you all mean so very much to us. With your help, we have raised over \$3400 this year!

In light of the COVID pandemic, the National Youth Gathering has been postponed from next summer, 2021, until the summer of 2022. That means we will hold another rummage sale next summer, so please continue to bring in your donations throughout the year. We don't know what next summer will hold for us, but no matter what, we always know we can count on our Trinity family. We love you all and thank you very much!

Cont.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: **Ed Matz (surgery postponed);** Doris Moeser (St. Francis Nursing Center, Mary Immaculate Hosp., 4 Ridgewood Pkwy, Rm. 11, Newport News, VA, 23602); **Retirement Home:** Alan Bobbe (Warwick Forest, Apt. 30); Peggy and Hardy Cash (2022 Executive Dr., Apt 318, Hampton, VA, 23666), Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601, jcantrell116@gmail.com); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131); Betty Hasel (The Newport, Rm 14); Charles Kessler (The Chesapeake - Assisted Living, Rm.206); Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Barbara Olson, (The Chesapeake, Rm. 3013); Buddy Schultz (Commonwealth Senior Living at Hampton, Rm. 503 Memory Care Unit, 1030 Topping Lane, Hampton, VA, 23666); **Shut-in at Home:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Joan Johnston and Doris and Ernie Moeser.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family, Paige Ahlen, and Maria Goldsby** requested by Kathy Stevens; **Bill Nuckols (father), Carolyn Patterson, Shirley Skinner, and Oxana Sidor (friend), Mike Muskalla (former member) and the friends and family of Mr. Kim Lassiter (special friend),** requested by Patricia Fielding; **Charlotte Rogers and Tina McManama,** requested by Richard and Sandra Anderson; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother),** requested by the Ardis family; **Sharon (Sherry) Johnston,** requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Sandy Nelson (friend),** requested by Pastor Tina; **Bonnie Carlson,** requested by Dave Carlson; **Rlou Baum (mother of Wendy Kowalski),** requested by Jessica Moye; **Jacque and Harry Hartman,** requested by Nancy Lindfors; **Nancy Sumpter (mother), June Geyer (grandmother) and Molly Chartrand (Jacob's co-worker),** requested by Patricia Wessler; **Paul St. Amand (former co-worker) and Autumn (granddaughter of former co-worker),** requested by Dee Klapperich; **George Kingston,** requested by Sandy and John Lunsford; **Michael May,** requested by Jon May; **Shirley Krause (former congregation member) and Bobbie Morgan,** requested by Anne Obara; **Mary Poole and Lauri Nosil; Rudi Naurath; the friends and family of Edith Naurath,** requested by Rudi Naurath; **the friends and family of Pattie Dowd and the family and friends of Bill Poole.**

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, Marine Corps; Georgia; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Air Force National Guard, LAFB and Ashby Owens, Operation Smile.

